



FEBRUARY 19th



On this day in...



This incredible waterspout approached the Huntington Beach Pier on this day in 2005.

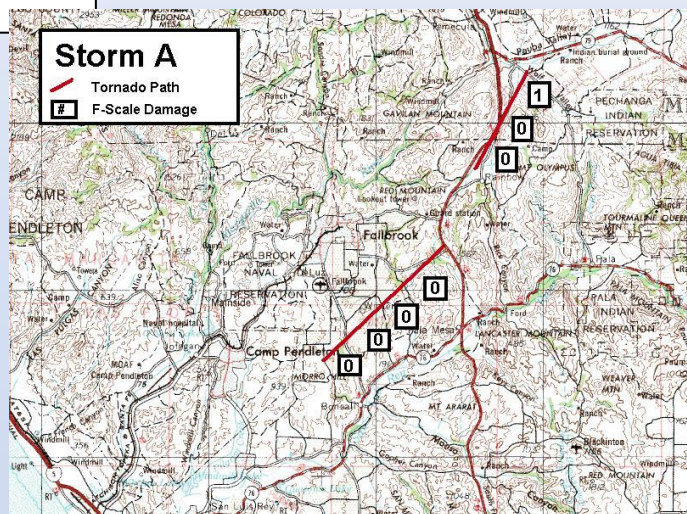
2000: Santa Ana winds gusted to 92 mph at Fremont Canyon.

1995: The temperature hit 90° in San Diego, the highest temperature on record for February.

1993: Heavy rain across the region started on 2/18 and ended on 2/20. One to two inches fell in Carlsbad. Flooding occurred from Oceanside to Encinitas. Homes were damaged along the Mojave River in Hesperia.

1988: Very strong Santa Ana winds started on 2/16 and ended on this day. Gusts of 90 mph at Newport Beach and 70+ mph in the San Gabriel Mountain foothills were measured on 2/17. Gusts to 76

2005: A waterspout moved ashore (within 100 yards of the pier) and became a tornado in Huntington Beach, which damaged and downed trees and power poles. Multiple waterspouts were reported. A super cell thunderstorm moved ashore in Oceanside and spawned an F1 tornado that moved through Fallbrook, Rainbow and Temecula, causing extensive damage to cars, trees, roofs, fences, etc.



The path of the supercell tornado from Bonsall, through Fallbrook and into Temecula on this day in 2005.

mph hit Monument Peak - Mt. Laguna on 2/18. Gusts to 63 mph hit Ontario on 2/17 and a gust of 50 mph was reported at Rancho Cucamonga on 2/16. Numerous trees and power lines were downed causing power outages near the foothills of the San Gabriel and San Bernardino Mountains. On this day in Pauma Valley a mobile home was overturned and shingles were torn off roofs. Fontana schools were closed due to wind damage. Three were killed when a big rig truck overturned and burned, one was killed having stepped on a downed power line). Power outages hit 200,000 customers in LA and Orange counties. Minor structural damage occurred to signs, etc. Grass fires resulted.

1984: Heavy rain that started on 2/18 and ended today caused mud slides in Orange County up to two feet deep. Up to 16 inches of snow fell in the mountains.

1980: Six storms that began on 2/13 hit Southern California continuing on this day. By 2/21, 12.75 inches measured in LA. 30 were killed in widespread floods and mud slides. Roads and hundreds of homes were destroyed or damaged. Post-fire flooding overwhelmed a basin below Harrison Canyon in north San Bernardino four times. Forty homes were damaged or destroyed there. Mission Valley was completely inundated between Friars Rd. and I-8. Large waves hit coast during this stormy period, causing coastal flooding at Mission Beach, including water over the boardwalk and into houses.

1969: Heavy rain starting on 2/16 ended on 2/26. Up to 30 inches of precipitation fell on the south slopes of Mt. San Gorgonio, 13 inches was recorded northwest of Mt. San Jacinto, around ten inches at Banning, less than one inch in eastern Coachella Valley. The death and destruction continued from the previous month. 21 died from flooding and mud slides all over California. An entire family was killed in Mt. Baldy Village when a mud slide hit their home. Extensive damage hit crops, farmland, and livestock. Creeks around Yucaipa all left their banks and substantial flooding occurred to residences and businesses. In the upper desert farmlands became lakes and more than 100 homes along the Mojave River were damaged. Roads and bridges recently repaired from previous month's damage either washed out or were destroyed again. It snowed 24 inches in Big Bear Lake, the greatest daily amount on record for February. This also occurred earlier in the same month on 2/6/1969. This amount is also the third greatest daily amount on record.

1962: A tornado touched down in Irvine, uprooting trees and toppling power poles. It snowed 12 inches at Palomar Mountain, the greatest daily snowfall on record for February. This also occurred on 2/27/2001 and 2/13/1973.

1891: A prolonged storm dropped 33 inches of rain in Descanso within a 60 hour period from this day to 2/23. 2.56 inches fell in San Diego. There were heavy damages and losses to homes, land, livestock, transportation and power throughout the Tijuana and San Diego River Basins.